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In the Claims:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A strip dispenser comprising a container for holding at least one movable strip, a ~~cover~~ lever connected to the container, an extension connected to ~~[[a]]~~ the lever and extending into the container, a tip of the extension having a friction surface for engaging the at least one strip within the container, whereby ~~moving~~ lifting the ~~cover~~ lever moves the tip of the extension in the container and slides the at least one movable strip outward from the container.
2. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein ~~the cover is the lever~~ is a cover and is pivoted on a hinge connected to the container.
3. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the extension extends in a direction from the hinge opposite a direction of the lever.
4. (Currently amended) A strip dispenser comprising a container for holding at least one movable strip, a lever connected to the container, an extension connected to the lever and extending into the container, a tip of the extension having a friction surface for engaging the at least one strip within the container, whereby moving the lever moves the tip of the extension in the container and slides the at least one movable strip outward from the container ~~The apparatus of claim 3~~, wherein the friction surface is on a side of the extension opposite from the top of the lever and not another side of the extension.
5. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 4, further comprising a dispensing opening at one end of the container and a closure connected to the lever for moving with the

lever and closing the opening when the lever is aligned with the container, and for uncovering the opening when an end of the lever is moved away from the container.

6. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the lever is a lid on an upper surface of the container for opening at least a part of the upper surface of the container.

7. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the extension is flexible and has a relatively slippery surface on a side opposite the friction surface for sliding over a next adjacent strip.

8. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the at least one strip comprises a stack of aligned strips, and wherein a top strip in the stack slides along a next adjacent strip outward through the opening when the lever is moved.

9. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the dispensing opening extends substantially over an entire end of the container.

10. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the lever comprises a lid hinged at one end to a central portion of a top of the container and extending outward to the opening in the end of the container for exposing at least a portion of the stack of strips in the container.

11. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising links and a lever connected between the cover and the extension, and wherein the cover is a slide connected to the link and connected to the container for sliding the cover rearward on the container and uncovering an opening, and for moving the links, the lever and the extension and moving the friction surface on the tip of the extension and the at least one strip forward in the container in the direction of the opening.